

WEDDINGS GIVE A NEW NOTE TO THE HOLIDAY SEASON

Old Marriage Customs Affected by the Exigencies of War
---Notable Audiences at the Opera---Some Holiday
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SOCIETY'S chief diversions during the last week have been the opera and weddings, and the gatherings at the Metropolitan Opera House have been especially notable. The audience assembled there last Monday night was suggestive of other years when war was not raging. It is just as well at such times as the present to have something to cheer up the spirits, and it should be borne in mind that those who go to the Metropolitan and arranged for their places there long before the war started. The patrons of the opera are by no means selfish, as nearly all of them have contributed most liberally to war relief funds.

There have been numerous weddings and some of them have been celebrated in quick succession on the same day in St. Thomas's church. A week ago yesterday there were three in that edifice, and last Wednesday there were two. There is always a falling off in weddings during the holidays, but this year more than usual will take place at this season, being hastened on account of war conditions. Among those of the present week will be that of Miss Agnes Mildred Brown and Harold Coe Stuart on Friday, and on the day following Miss Janet Mowry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allan McFarlane Mowry, will go to Annapolis, where her marriage to Ensign Thomas Crouse Parsons, U. S. N. R., will be quietly celebrated. It is not usual for the bride to go to her future husband, but in such times as these customs occasionally have to be reversed, and in the case of Miss Mowry her fiancé has been unable to get a leave of absence for a New York wedding.

The same difficulty also arose in the case of Miss Margaret Winslow, whose marriage to Richard Gordon Williams, assistant paymaster, U. S. N. R., was celebrated in St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, on December 5. Announcements of the marriage were sent out by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. Dana Winslow, last week, but no particulars have been received owing to the delay in mails and the curtailment of cable news. Mrs. Winslow, who went to St. Thomas with her daughter, will return this week to her New York home.

Another wedding of this week which has been advanced is that of Miss Jeannette Jennings and Henry Calhoun Taylor, U. S. N. R. It will take place on Saturday in St. James's church. A week from Saturday Miss Alice Fitch, who otherwise would be included with the debutantes of this season, will be married to Horace Leslie Hotchkiss 3d, U. S. N. R. The dates of several January weddings have already been announced.

It has been decided definitely to give up the annual entertainment by the Junior League and other methods will be pursued by the organization in raising money for carrying on its philanthropic work. There is so much misery now among the destitute in this city that it is deemed more proper to lay out a large sum of money in producing a spectacle of high merit, such as the league has given in years past, and the debutantes will have to occupy themselves in raising money in a more direct way. Of course this will be disappointing to many, but not more so than the curtailment of the luncheons, dinners and dances that have marked other seasons.

The marriage of Miss Jeannette Jennings, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jennings, to Henry Calhoun Taylor, U. S. N. R., son of Mr. and Mrs. William Ambrose Taylor, will take place on Saturday afternoon in St. James's church, Madison avenue and Seventy-first street. Miss Jennings has chosen her sister, Miss Constance Jennings, for her maid of honor, and for her bridesmaids her cousin, Miss Helen James, and the Misses Jeanne Gould, Alice R. Lawrence, Ellen G. McCarter, Helen A. Hoadley and Caroline B. Knapp.

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Another wedding on Saturday will be that of Miss Janet B. Mowry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allan McFarlane Mowry, to Ensign Thomas Crouse Parsons, U. S. N. R., which will be celebrated in the chapel of the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md. Miss Mowry will be attended by Mrs. Thomas Richardson Kurtz of California, her sister, Miss Harriet Mowry, and Miss Elizabeth Clarkson of Trivoli, N. Y.

Ensign Wilbert Austin Smith, U. S. N. R., will act as best man. The ushers will be Ensigns Herbert Camp Smith, Edward Occumough and Carl Otto W. Richardson. A reception will be held at Carvel Hall, Annapolis. Ensign Parsons is unable to obtain a leave of absence from Annapolis, where he is stationed, and on that account the wedding will take place there instead of in New York.

In St. Bartholomew's church on December 29 Miss Alta J. Fitch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Winchester Fitch at 959 Park avenue, will be married to Horace L. Hotchkiss 3d, U. S. N. R., son of Mr. and Mrs. Horace L. Hotchkiss of New York. Miss Fitch's attendants will include her sister, Miss Katherine Fitch, and the Misses Margaret Revell, Vera McNair, Maria Kahya Cook and Marion F. Hodespyl. William C. Browning will act as Mr. Hotchkiss's best man. The wedding reception will follow at the St. Regis.

One of the New Year weddings of interest here will be that of Miss Dorothy Welsh, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Welsh, to Andrew C. Imbrie of this city, son of Mrs. Charles Imbrie of Princeton, N. J., which will take place on January 12 in old St. Peter's church, Philadelphia. Miss Mary Kelley will be Miss Welsh's only attendant, and Lieut. Howard Imbrie, U. S. R., will act as his brother's best man. The ushers chosen are Frank L. Janeway and Edward R. Otkeman of this city, Henry M. Candy of Wilmington, Del.; Willis H. Butler of Boston, and Robert V. and Herbert S. Welsh, brothers of the bride-elect.

A reception will follow at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Welsh in Philadelphia.

An engagement announced in Baltimore, Md., on Wednesday of interest here is that of Miss Frances Brooks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Brooks of Brookfield, Green Spring valley, Md., to Lieut. John Gregg Thomas, U. S. R., son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. Marshall Thomas. Miss Brooks is a sister of Walter B. Brooks, Jr., who married Miss Louise Cromwell, daughter of a former marriage.

Miss Brooks is with the 110th Field Artillery, U. S. A., now stationed at Camp Aniston, Ala.